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PROGRAMME

1989

Sat. 22 April 2-15 pm AGM & Auction

Venue: The Margaret Room
The Bonnington Hotel
Southampton Row
London WC1

Fri. 13 Oct
Sat. 14 Oct
BWISC Convention

Venue: The Regent Hotel,
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1989 Auction

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A new Standing Order Mandate is enclosed for UK members. NB our bankers are now National Girobank.

OBITUARY T.V. Roberts

Members of the study Circle will have been very sad on hearing of the death of Tom Roberts on 3rd December 1987 at the age of 72.

He was a long-standing philatelist of very considerable renown. He began collecting at an early age and when at Cambridge he formed a lifelong friendship with Morris Ludington. Captured in Greece during the war he shared German Prisoner of War quarters with Cyril Harmer. On his return he became involved in Hospital Administration and retired in 1977 as Administrator to the Newcastle upon Tyne Area Health Authority.

Tom's philatelic interests were very wide-ranging and he formed many collections and studies usually with an emphasis on postal history. Perhaps the best known was his magnificent French Maritime Mail collection, one of the finest ever put together. It embraced the whole world, including of course the West Indies, and he was awarded the Tillcard Medal of the Royal Philatelic society of London for the display he gave at 41 Devonshire Place in 1982.

More recently Tom was continuing and expanding his work on manuscript cancellations of the world which had been one of his main interests throughout his collecting years. It was based on his acquisition of the Leslie Pay collection and contained a wealth of information and study, being beautifully written up and presented. On his death this extensive collection was virtually ready for display and Tom was known to have said, with his charming modesty, that if he were lucky enough to be asked he would love to show it at the Royal. It was therefore a great pleasure when his wife Nancy, with much help from Richie Bodily, was able to do justice to Tom's memory by showing it at 41 Devonshire Place on 20 Oct 1988.

I first met Tom thirty or more years ago and always found him the most charming and delightful of companions. He was also a valuable correspondent - aways willing to bring his fund of knowledge to bear on any problem and being most helpful and informative. We shall miss him greatly and extend all our sympathy to Nancy and the family.
John Marriott

<u>1988 ACCOUNTS</u>

The Hon. Treasurer regrets that due to unforeseen circumstances the Accounts cannot appear in this Bulletin. The Accounts will be available at the AGM and if any member wishes to have a copy prior to the AUM will he/she please send a stamped addressed envelope to the Hon. Treasurer marked "1988 Accounts". The Accounts will be published in the June Bulletin.

DISPLAYS

The attendance at the meeting held at 2.15 p.m. in Floral Room ‘A’ at Stampex on Wednesday 28th September, 1988 was excellent with 25 members and 1 visitor present. There were two displays and the first one was “Trinidad & Tobago” by Mr. David Druett. He commenced with a selection of pre-adhesive letters which included a 1804 ship letter to England and 1807 (5th May) cover with Trinidad datestamp without fleuron device, one of two examples recorded. This was followed by examples of the large and small fleurons.

A copy of the Trinidad Standard newspaper for September 1846 with advertisement for the Lady McLeod steamer was exhibited. The Perkins Bacon issues were presented in order of consignments with some examples on cover. There was also a plate proof block of 20 and mint examples in the issued shade of the 2nd consignment. A full sheet of the 1851-5 1d. blue remainder was shown. Later perforated issues ware well represented including an 1860 cover to U.S.A. with pin perf. 12½. 1d. and 4d. and a number of scarce unused examples from the 1861 rough perf. issue. There was a study of the different forgeries with a number of types identified.

A small range of the 1852-60 lithographs was shown including 1855 Entire Letter to London with 1d. greenish blue from the second issue, and fifth issue 1d. red sheet of 54.

De La Rue issues from the Perkins Bacon plates were represented by imperf. varieties from the 1863-75 issue including a used example of the 4d. The 1879-82 Surcharge issue included a block of the ‘Halfpenny’ on Crown CA paper. A study of the 1882 1d. on 6d. included a number of blocks, a bisect on March 1884 wrapper, a selection of dated copies showing two periods of use, May - early June and in December - early January. Some forgeries were also shown of the surcharge in black.

A photographic essay on dated card of the 1898 Discovery issue and three colour trials concluded the display of stamps.

A selection of postmarks were shown including examples of the different numeral cancels with some examples on the 1869 5/- in red and black and a pair of 6d’s on piece one with manuscript ‘Late Fee.

Forwarding Agents marks included a previously unrecorded two line ‘FORWARDED BY EUG. P. MASSON.’ in purple on 1882 cover to Corsica.

The 1914 Red Cross label was displayed in a sheet of 24 and on cover also an example of the 1c Ye Olde English Fayre label on 1915 cover.

Items of postal stationery included the 1879 inland formular card unused and foreign card used to England with bisect of 1876 1d. A used example of the 1884 Official reply card and two examples of the 1880 formular registered envelope, one used in 1882 wars also displayed.

The display concluded with a selection of WWII censored covers, postcards of the oil industry and a QV Customs Trinidad Opium wrapper.

Tony Shepherd proposed a most sincere vote of thanks to David Druett who had come a long way to show us his stamps which were much appreciated.

Derek Nathan showed some of the less usual aspects of BRITISH GUIANA and began with a 1792 entire from Grenada with the apparent rating of ‘2 bits’. He contended that this was not a carriage rate but a collection fee from the postmaster at STABROEK (later GEORGETOWN) where a rate of 1 bit per sheet was levied on all items. He went on to show other early marks, including the oval crown ship letter BERBICE of 1815, various DEMERARA and BERBICE pre-stamp marks and CROWN EXEMPT SHIP LETTER of 1837. The first envelope in the show was 1860, with a strip of four 1c dull red type C sent from DEMERARA to NEW AMSTERDAM. There followed a display of Accountancy marks, showing all the major types on cover together with crayon marks used concurrently. After a corner block of 4 x 2c. 1875 perf 15 with corner folded and printed on reverse, Derek showed the series of proofs produced by De la Rue in Autumn 1875 in preparation for the 1876 definitives. There were 22 successive proofs, all adding up to alterations invisible on the issued stamps.

He followed this with a history of the development of the printed postcard, including trials, pencil sketches, colour roughs and specimens, and went on to treat the wrappers in the same way.

Proof of the postal use of the cancellation M.O.O. Georgetown followed; and then the colour trial produced in 1888 by De la Rue to prove to the authorities that adapting the extant design in two colours would not be found to be sufficiently distinctive; this led to the adoption of the keyplate issue.

Colour trials of the Diamond Jubilee stamps were followed by a cover with a pair of 2c. on 15c., one with surcharge double. More colour trials, of the keyplate issue produced in 1900 to comply with the UPU requirement of red for the 2c. value, were followed by proofs of the re-drawn 2c. of 1909 and of the KGV issue of 1913. These last proved very unpopular in the Colony, and a competition was organised by the British Guiana Philatelic Society to find designs to replace them. Some of these designs were shown. These were submitted to the Government in London in 1917, but there seemed to be more important things for HMG to do at that time, and they were not adopted.

Proofs of the 1931 centenary set were seen, showing the progression to the finished state, and a page of 1937 coronations, showinq all stages from imperf SPECIMEN to used, with a question about the numbers issued. Attention was drawn to the elusive variety ‘Missing pearl in necklace’ of which three examples were shown, and members were asked to help with more information.

Two covers from February 1945, after the GPO was destroyed by fire, were succeeded by a dozen sheets of village postmarks each headed by a postcard from the relevant village.

Finally, Summary Jurisdiction, original artists sketch, various proofs, specimens and a forged 'used for postage' piece brought the display to a conclusion. Derek asked for, and received, advice on a number of the pieces, and many members were able to draw on the depth of their knowledge to provide guidance for further study; he is very grateful for this assistance.

The vote of thanks to Derek Nathan was proposed by Michael Rego, who is the author of a recent handbook on "Postal Registration in British Guiana". Michael Rego commended the collecting of unusual facets of this country resulting in a display of a number of items seldom seen; those present heartily agreed with this.

BCPSG Convention Nov 4-6 1988.

This meeting was held at the Kings Head Hotel, Loughborough. In case some members may not realise it, the BCPSG has now absorbed the Roses Caribbean Society and Bob Swarbrick, who organised and arranged this particular convention so thoroughly, is now the International Director of the BCPSG.

The Charnwood room was quite large enough to accommodate at least 50 on the chairs and the frames were put up at the end of the room and then brought forward a little so all could see more clearly. Between 20-30 attended the displays and about 12 of us stayed in the hotel on a very fair package deal. This was not exactly a brilliant turnout and I was a bit surprised more members did not attend to see the really excellent and varied displays so well described by their owners.

R.V. Swarbrick	Jamaica KGV Pictorials.
D.G. Pollard	Jamaica Postal Markings 1760-1860 Jamaica Ship Letters.
A. Shepherd	Barbados Red Cross Labels or Seals of the two wars.
A. Thompson	Antigua.
I.A. Potter	Jamaica Postal Stationery.
M.N. Oliver	Leeward Is. Postal Stationery.
J.S. Greenwood	British Guiana.
A.P.O. Sutcliffe	Jamaica Earthquake Postcards and amusing early cards in colour.
J.W. Jackson	B.W.I. Maritime Mail.
T. Davis	Bahamas Postal History.
R.V. Swarbrick	Jamaica - Pines issue Die Proofs.

I think we were all very impressed with Bob's remarkable collection of Jamaica Pictorials, especially the proof material, and the blow-ups of the Pines Issue material was an absolutely fascinating feature. From Pollard's and Potter's displays we learnt a great deal about Jamaican Philately.

Thomson's Antigua was superb and Oliver's Leewards covered most aspects of that subject.

As a keen collector of Barbados I was particularly interested in Tony's Labels; of the Belgium Fraction, the large blue label issued during the Great War, I saw his example dated 25/11/14 on piece, the earliest known; apparently the Red Cross raised the princely sum in excess of £113 by the sale of these ¼d. fractions by the end of the war. In the Second World War the Red Cross again used colourful labels. The Red Cross Shop in Baxters Road sold them for 1c. each (about ½d); one was supposed to affix them to the back of the envelope, but they are found also on the front of letters and cards; however they did not pay postage; they were advertised by the Barbados Publicity Committee and sold by the Finance Committee of the V.W.W.A. in Nov 40 and by the end of the war £44 l6s. 1d. had been raised for the Red Cross. My apologies to Tony for any errors. The British Guiana display was quite outstanding both for its incredible P.H. and then the stamps with multiples of the primitives. We all enjoyed Derek's impressive postcards and on Sunday the B.W.I. Maritime Mail was an absorbing and comprehensive showing and the Bahamas P.H. made us all very envious, Trevor.

Socially the weekend was most successful and we enjoyed the bar and our excellent meals in the pleasant dining room and we look forward to our next meeting in this comfortable and convenient hotel, Bob.

Frank Deakin

It is regretted that notification of this convention did not reach me before the Sep '88 Bulletin went to press, and so Study Circle Members who were not members of BCPSG were unaware of the event.

(Hon. Ed).

NOTES AND QUERIES

BRITISH WEST INDIES

Manuscript Cancellations

Members may be interested in my notes of the Manuscript Cancellations in the collection of the late T.V. Roberts which we are selling on 26 April 1989.

Bahamas: There are two covers on which the stamps have been cancelled in manuscript, 1928 from Cooperstown, Abaco Island "C.T. 9/6/28" and "Lower Deadman's Cay 5/12/53".

Bermuda: A 1d. cancelled "Fanin" (? writer's name) is on an 1872 cover addressed to Flatts. A registered letter to U.S.A. in 1921 has uncancelled stamps but in manuscript "Mangrove Bay".

Cayman Islands: A local letter to South Sound has the stamp cancelled "North Side 13/6/35".

Dominica: The manuscript village cancellations are represented by Colihaut 1889 (one with Crowned Circle) Felicite 1885, Grand Bay on 1887 cover, Portsmouth 1876-86, Rosalie, St. Joseph 1887, Vielle Case 1887-1900 and Wesley 1879-1896 (one cover).

Jamaica: A letter to Kingston on 28 February 1859 bears a pair of 4d. cancelled

"P.O.Lucea", and a cover to U.S.A. has a 2½d. cancelled "Laughlands" which went through Kingston on 5 December 1893.

A 1d postcard from Bermuda to Lubeck was cancelled "S.S. Ermaden 13/12/98 and landed at Jamaica, probably to change ships, where it received the JAMAICA/TRANSIT handstamp.

R.M.S.P. West Indian. Steamers

There is an exceptional collection of the ships' names cancelling stamps on covers. Unless otherwise mentioned, the covers come from Dominica and the stamps are the Leeward Islands 1890 issue:

"Eden" in red on ½d. and two 1d. via St. Lucia to Manchester March 1898.

"Eden" in red on 1d. to London handstamped "Per Eden & Medway" March 1899.

"Eden" in red on 1d. on cover to St. Lucia July 1899.

"Esk" in black on 2½d. to London handstamped "Per S.S. Esk & Atrato" April 1897.

"Esk" in black on 2½d. envelope to London Feb. 1898.

"Esk" in red on Br. Guiana 2c. over-cancelled at Barbados over "1d. Pd" - endorsed "Posted on Board", handstamped "Posted on British Packet" June 1898.

"Esk" in red on ½d. and two 1d via St. Lucia to London handstamped "Per Esk & Para" Nov. 1898.

"Esk" in red on 1d. via St. Lucia to London, same handstamp March 1899.

"Solent" in red on 1d. via St. Lucia to London Jan. 1899. There are also several pieces.

Nevis: The village postmasters cancelled stamps on local letters in manuscript and there are four examples from "14/11/83" to "22.2.1896", two of which are over-cancelled A09. There is a 1½d. postcard cancelled "7/4/84".

St. Christopher: The village postmasters lacked obliterators and cancelled stamps in pen and ink, usually just the date although examples are known with indication of the village name from the early days of the rural service - 1873-76. Only the 1d. (and later ½d. for postcards) stamps for local postage were so-cancelled and if the letter was going overseas, the additional stamp for that service was cancelled at the head post office.

T.V. Roberts divided his 39½ stamps (one being the double ONE PENNY on 6d. "3.8.86") into eight different hands. There are five covers, two from Sandy Point:

"15/9/79" on 1d., AWJY on 6d., to George Town, Demerara.
"24/8/80" on 1d., 4d. cancelled at Basseterre, to England.

The other covers are:
"10/4/83" on 1d. with 4d. cancelled at Basseterre, to England
"8/7/85" on 1d., FOUR PENCE on 6d. cancelled Al2, to England
"5/7/89" on the envelope, 4d. A12, to Saxony.

There is a picture postcard of Basseterre posted to Portugal on 7 June 1907, the stamp cancelled "7.6.07" in manuscript and "Christiansted" (A Danish Ship) handstamp in purple, sent via St. Thomas.

Trinidad: There are two 1883 covers to Scotland bearing four and eight mss. "1d." on 6d. showing two distinctive hands.

Robson Lowe

BERMUDA

Modern Postal Markings

(Continued from Bulletin 138 Sept 1988 p51

Barrington Sound Post Office

Address Barrington Sound Poet Office 2-01
Open in 1975 8am - 11.30mm and 1pm - 5pm Monday to Friday. Officer in charge was June Hollis.
Mail is collected twice daily and deliveries are made from the office. Preliminary sorting is done and Post Office Boxes are available.
Handstamps (circular date stamps).

1. 30mm. circle. Lettering "sans serif capitals" "Harrington Sound Bermuda" with ornamental crosses and small collection letter.
2. 25mm. circle, lettering "sans serif capitals" "Harrington Sound Bermuda" with ornamental crosses and no collection letter (Ludington type 126). It is thought this mark is rarely used.

Size

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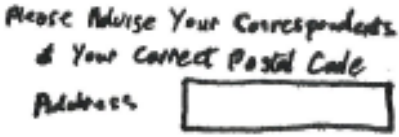
Machine Cancellations. None at this office.
Registered Mail, A numbered sticky label is applied.
Miscellaneous Markings:

A. With Serifed Capitals in Red.
1. Please advise your correspondents of your correct Postal Code Address (with Box).



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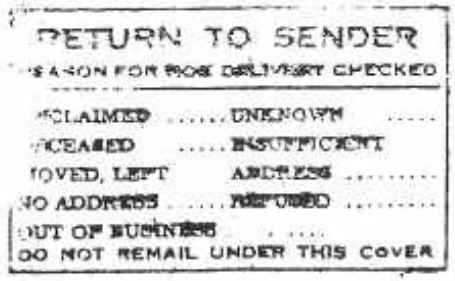

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Warwick Post 0ffice

Address is Warwick Post Office, Warwick, Bermuda.
Open 8am to l1.30am and 1pm to 5pm Monday to Friday.
In 1975 the office was in the charge of Miriam Webb.
Mail was collected twice daily at 9.30am and 2pm.
Mail is sorted at the office by parish on the Eastern and Western sides of the island.
No Post Office Boxes are available.
Handstamps (circular date stamps).

1. 30mm circle with Warwick, Bermuda in sans serif capitals. No ornamental crosses. Large collection letter.
2. 25mm circle with Warwick Bermuda in sans serif capitals. Ornamental crosses and large collection letter. Although similar in appearance to Ludington Type H12 with the width of the W being 3.3mm, the letter C is round and the distance between the tip of the A and the top arm of the K is 10.5mm.

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Machine cancellations. None.
Registered Mail. Numbered sticky labels were applied.
Miscellaneous Marks. Were in use but no indication was given as to which.

Address was Pembroke North Post Office, Glebe Road, Pembroke East. Open between 8am and 1pm and 3.30 - 5pm Monday to Friday. Officer in Charge was Mr. Wilfred De Graffe.
Mail is collected twice daily but was not sorted beforehand. No deliveries were made from the office, no miscellaneous marks are used and there is only one handstamp. No example was provided for illustration purposes.

To be continued. Ian Chard

BRITISH GUIANA

Postage Due

T & H illustrate a variety of handstamps for underpaid postage from 1889 onwards, but there are no references between 1901 and 1927. Two items have recently come into my possession which may help to fill this gap.

Firstly, a turn-of-the-century wrapper piece from Ireland to Demerara, with a halfpenny orange QV Jubilee SG 197. This carries

a handstamp in black possibly applied in London, and POSTAGE DUE in red similar to T & H PD 5 but with a stop and followed by '2c' in blue crayon, clearly applied in the Colony. Townsend only records PD 5 in black and between 1939-43.

Secondly, a pair of SG 255 5c blue, pen-cancelled 'Pd 6/11/13' and further cancelled with 23½ms diameter cds 'UNPAID BRANCH GPO BG 24 NOV 13', hitherto unremarked. In addition, both Stamps have a circular indentation 4mm diameter, visible from the back, as of a punch-hole not completed, or perhaps from being stored between sheets of punched blotting paper. As the pen cancel is 18 days before the cds, the stock may have been pre-cancelled and stored prior to usage as postage dues.

Derek Nathan

BRITISH HONDURAS

O.H.M.S. Cover

The cover illustrated bears a typed OHMS and two poor strikes of the 'Official Paid/Col Sec/British Honduras' handstamps. A Belize cancellation was applied to the top right hand corner. My query is why a l5c. adhesive was subsequently applied partially over the first Belize cancellation and a second Belize cancellation applied to the adhesive? Regrettably the date is illegible in both strikes. Perhaps a member may be able to explain the double cancellation.

A.J. Mackay

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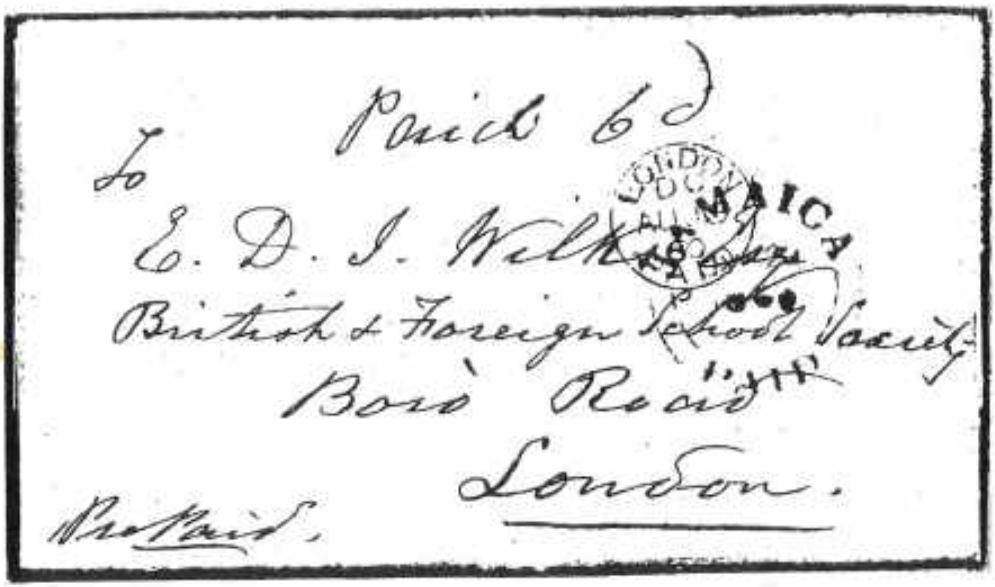
1119/47/9

JAMAICA

I have an EL from Four Paths, Clarendon to London. The front has a Jamaica Paid handstamp Type PD5 in red dated JY 24 1860 and a London Paid cds in red dated Aug 13 1860. There is a manuscript “Paid 6d” at the top right and a manuscript “Prepaid” at the bottom left. On the back there is a Clarendon, Jamaica..... .23 cds. Inside the letter there can be read in manuscript “Four Paths PO Clarendon JY 23 1860”.



Jamaica - Fosters book (p.156 and 7) quotes a directive from the British GPO to the Jamaica PMG dated 29 Feb 1860 requiring the remaining stamps of GE to be returned to London and states that prepayment must be made in money as before. Jamaican stamps were not issued until 23 Nov 1860.

I have never seen a similar cover or an illustration of such a cover. Does any member have any knowledge of or possess covers of this period?

F.E. Piat

LEEWARD ISLANDS

FEES Stamps

Peter Fernbank's article in Bulletin 139 is of great interest and advances the study of the FEES stamps, at least as far as the Geo V. issues are concerned. If he or another collector has the chance to consult the archives for the period 1882 - 1913, a further report would be most welcome.

For the record, the tabulation in Bulletin 136 should now be corrected as follows:-

1916 (Feb.) Type 3. Perf.l4. Wmk. Mult. Crown CA.

16.	6d.	Purple and blue
17.	1/-d.	Purple and red
18.	2/-d.	Purple and green
19.	2/-d.	Purple and black

1921 (April) Type 3. Perf.14. Wmk. Mult. Script CA.

20.	6d.	Purple and blue
21.	1/-d.	Purple and red
22.	2/-d.	Purple and green
23.	5/-d.	Purple and black
24.	£l	Purple and Purple

From his details of requisitions, we can now calculate numbers issued, saving only consignments of nos. 20, 21, and 22 where quantities were unspecified.

Thus:-

16.	26,400
17.	46,160
18.	43,740
19	7,560
20.	116,220+
21.	90,360+
22.	79,500+
23.	24,720
24.	12,480

So the 5/-d MCCA (no.19) should be much the scarcest of the Georgian stamps, followed by the (Script) £1 (no.24). This latter stamp is, however, the only one I have not yet seen, and I have several examples of all the others used, but none mint.

Study of the usage of the Georgian issues gives me some confidence in ascribing at least tentative destinations to three of the four requisitions where the requisition book was silent on the subject.

They are:-

Date	Requisition No.	Probable Destination
?? .08.23	1098	Montserrat
28.11.27	571	Virgin Islands
09.11.29	635	?
22.05.30	175	Antigua

Since Requisition No. 635 was for the only printing of the £1 value, it seems likely that it was dispersed to a number of destinations. Perhaps the Day Book will tell eventually. Leaving aside the problematical £1 value (and assuming the tentative destinations above to be correct), we can now construct a collectors matrix - a check list of all the possible cancellations on each value.

Thus: -

	ANT	DOM	MON	ST. K	V. IS.
16.	●		●	●	—
17.	●	●	●	●	
18.	●	●	●	●	—
19.	●	—	●	—	—
20.	●	●	●	●	—
21.	●	—	●	●	●
22.	●	●	●	●	●
23.	●	—	—	●	—
24.	?	?	?	?	?

There are I suppose, bound to be a few sports, since purchasers of the stamps in one island could have carried them to use in another. Not surprisingly any issue is going to be difficult to find used in the Virgin Is - I have only one example of No.21 so far - and only slightly less so in Montserrat. Less obviously those used in Dominica also seem very elusive. Only Antigua is at all easy, and the Matrix should make a nice challenge for any interested and determined collector.

Michael Medlicott

NEWS ROUND UP

Caribbean Philatelic auctions, PO Box 91, Harrogate, N. Yorks. HG2 0AB are featuring the Brian Thompson Collection of Postal history and Stamps of Jamaica in a special Jamaica sale. Brian is a well known collector and member of the BWISC and BCPSG and has won various awards with his Jamaica Collection. Many rare and some unique items are included. The Postal Auction is provisionally planned for 29th March and a De-Luxe Catalogue is available free of charge to serious collectors.

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Mr. Frank Bennett has written

> "I note increasingly that auction and sales catalogues have photocopies of old and quite valuable stamps. I assume therefore that this process of subjecting the stamps to extremely strong light, does them no harm at all. Before following suit however I would appreciate if one of the members with expert knowledge on the subject, could confirm that this is indeed the case."

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